



Compass Therapy Centre

Leaving a Gift in Your Will



Why Support Compass?

We've been providing lifelong support for people living with neurological conditions for the last 40 years. Leaving a gift to Compass in your Will, helps make sure that life with a neurological condition isn't a life defined by it.

Compass doesn't receive government or NHS funding. We rely on donations, including gifts left in Wills, to enable us to provide those living with neurological conditions in our community with lifetime access to our specialist therapies, support, and advice.

Leaving a gift to Compass in your Will is the perfect way to secure the future of our charity and to support a cause you believe in.

Why is a Will important?

It lets you set out how you want your belongings, property, and money (your 'estate') to be distributed when you die. It allows you to be certain that your family, friends, and favourite charities are taken care of in the way that you want.

If you don't have a Will, the Courts will decide how to distribute your estate. Most people will write a Will when they own precious items, buy a car, buy a property, get married, have children, or retire. It's a good idea to review it regularly to make sure it reflects any changes in your circumstances or your wishes.

Do I need a solicitor?

No, but it's always advisable to seek professional advice when you're drawing up an important legal document. A qualified solicitor will advise you on the wording and criteria to make your Will legally binding and can advise you on other matters such as Inheritance Tax. To find solicitors near you, visit www.lawscot.org.uk.

What if I want to leave a gift but already have a Will?

Rather than write a new Will, your solicitor can usually draw up a Codicil for you to sign which is legally binding and which amends your original instructions.

Is there a minimum amount for a legacy gift?

No. It's up to you to decide the value of your gift and we are grateful for any donation, large or small. Every penny helps us continue our vital work. Your gift can be expressed in your Will as a fixed sum of money (a pecuniary gift), a particular item (a specific gift) or as a percentage of your estate (a residual gift).

Is my donation subject to Inheritance Tax?

If you are concerned about Inheritance Tax then please speak to your solicitor for guidance. Broadly speaking, if you leave a gift to Compass in your Will, then it is classed as a “charitable legacy” and there is no Inheritance Tax to pay on it. You may also be able to cut the Inheritance Tax rate on the rest of your estate from 40% to 36% – if you leave at least 10% of your ‘net estate’ to charity. Again, please speak to your solicitor about this.

I want to leave a gift to Compass in my Will. What information do I need?

To include Compass in your Will, you’ll need the following information: Compass Therapy Support Community Limited, 40c Swanfield, Edinburgh. EH6 5RX. Registered Charity: SC014991.

How else can I support Compass?

As well as remembering us in your Will, there are lots of ways you can support our vital work during your lifetime. For full details please visit our website at www.wearecompass.org.uk/donate.

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